

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) Ball screw nut comprising:

A a hollow screw threaded nipple made of a metallic having a plurality of spiral grooves at the inner surface for plurality of rolling balls to roll along therein; and

A a housing formed of a plastic material enclosing ~~around~~ said screw threaded nipple, said housing and said screw threaded nipple being firmly engaged with each other said screw threaded nipple having an elongated hole extending in a direction parallel to a longitudinal axis of said ball screw nut.

Claims 2-17 (canceled).

Claims 18 (currently amended) Ball screw nut of Claim ~~17~~ 1, wherein several protruded blocks are formed on the inner surface of said housing and protruded into said long hole.

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Claim 19 (original) Ball screw nut of Claim 18, wherein a circulation groove is formed on the inner surface of each said protruded block.

Claim 20 (original) Ball screw nut of Claim 19, wherein each pair of adjacent spiral grooves are connected each other by said circulation groove, and the width of said circulation grooves is slightly greater than the diameter of said balls.

Claim 21 (original) Ball screw nut of Claim 20, wherein each said protruded block has more than one circulation grooves.

Claims 22-24 (canceled).